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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: HAMMER, Mordechai

Serial No. : 08/894,211

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For : EXTENSIBLE AND RETRACTABLE ELEMENTS AND
VARIOUS USES FOR THE ELEMENTS

Group Art Unit 3626
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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In response to the Office Action mailed October 28, 1998,
kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, after the TITLE, kindly add the following:

"CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

The present application is a National Stage application of
PCT/US96/01209 and is related as a continuation-in-part of US
patent application S/N 08/088,570 filed 9 July 1993, now US